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POLLUTER!
HALT AND
SUBMIT!

AN ECO
PATROL!

THEY
FOUND
ME!

READY
WEAPONS!

ACTIVATE
PURSUIT
MODE!

TERROR HAS
MANY
ATTRIBUTES!

IT CAN BE
SUDDEN.

IT CAN BE
SWIFT.

IT CAN BE
DEADLY.

SUSHI
KING

HOME OF THE FLAPPE

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CAN'T LET
THEM GET
ME!

NOT NOW--WHEN
THEY KNOW WHAT
I'VE DONE!

THE
SEWER!
MY ONLY
HOPE!

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PURSUIT CAN FILL THE
HEART WITH NUMBING
FEAR--

--AS THE REALIZATION
Dawns--THERE IS NO
PLACE TO TURN!



I CAN'T
OUTRUN
'EM!

BUT IF I
STOP--

I'M
DEAD!



SECOND BY
SECOND,
SIMPLE FEAR
BECOMES
STIFLING,
CHOKING,
MINDLESS
Panic...

WHAT'S
THAT?



THEY'RE
BREAKING
THROUGH!
THEY KNOW
I'M HERE!



STAY
BACK!

I'LL NEVER
GIVE UP.



THE CHOICE
WAS NEVER
YOURS!





SUBJECT OFFERED
RESISTANCE.

WE HAD NO
CHOICE.

IT'S HAPPENING
TOO OFTEN,
TIANA!

THE POLLUTERS
ARE SILENCED
BEFORE THEY CAN
BE QUESTIONED!

I MUST HAVE
ONE ALIVE ---
TO LEAD US TO
THE HIGHER
UPS.

YOU COULD BE
TREADING ON
DANGEROUS
GROUND PAUL-
PHILLIP.

SO LONG AS
ECO CENTRAL
IS UNDER MY
COMMAND, I
TREAD WHERE
I PLEASE.

IF THERE ARE TRAITORS
IN THE HIERARCHY, I'LL
DESTROY THEM!

IT'S MY DUTY TO
ALERT ALCHEMAX!

NO! YOU
MUSTN'T!
THE DANGER
IS GREATER
THAN YOU
KNOW!

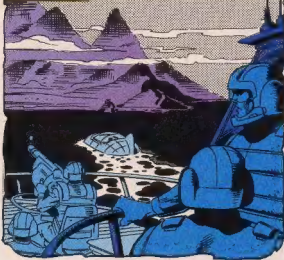
MY OWN FATHER WAS A LOYAL AGENT OF
ECO. HE TOO TRIED TO WARN OF CORRUPTION
IN THE RANKS.

TAKE ME TO
ALCHEMAX!

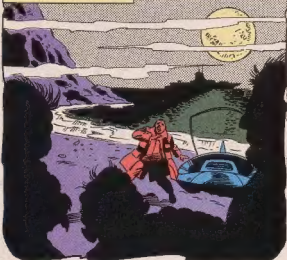
I MUST TELL
THEM WHAT I
KNOW!

YOU WILL SAY
NOTHING ---
TO ANYONE!

"THAT WAS THE LAST I SAW OF HIM. WITHIN HOURS, HE WAS ON AN ECO NAVAL TRANSPORT, HEADED FOR HELLROCK!"



"AN INNOCENT MAN, CONDEMNED TO LIFE AMONG THE MONSTROUS MUTROIDS! THERE'S NO WAY OF KNOWING IF HE'S DEAD OR ALIVE!"



I COULD NEVER EVEN LEARN WHO ORDERED HIS FATE.

YOU CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU!

NOT EVEN THE COMMANDER OF ECO CENTRAL IS SAFE FROM THE POWER OF ALCHEMAX!

YOU'RE WRONG, TIANA. NO MAN IS SENT TO HELLROCK WITHOUT GOOD REASON!

IF WE CAN'T TRUST THE SYSTEM, IF WE CAN'T TRUST ALCHEMAX, THEN WE REVERT BACK TO ANARCHY!

I'VE TAKEN AN OATH TO UPHOLD THE LAW, TO FOLLOW THE RULES, TO DO THINGS BY THE BOOK.

THAT'S WHY ALCHEMAX PUT ME IN COMMAND.

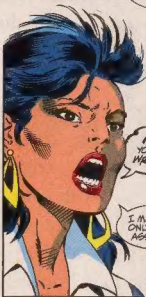
BUT I KNOW THEY KEEP YOU BECAUSE YOU DON'T SUSPECT THEM!

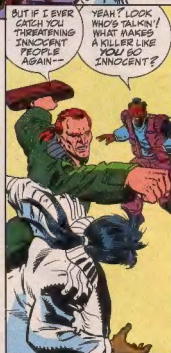
YOU DON'T REALIZE YOU'RE JUST A FIGUREHEAD!

I'LL HEAR NO MORE!

NO! YOU'RE WRONG!

I MAY BE ONLY YOUR ASSISTANT--







MAYBE MY PA WASN'T NO SAINT-- BUT HE SURE WASN'T NO POLLUTER, EITHER!

HE FOUND OUT WHO WAS BEHIND MOST OF THE POLLUTION, AND HE WAS HEADIN' FOR ECO CENTRAL TO LETCHA KNOW!

THAT'S WHY YA HAD 'IM KILLED-- 'CAUSE YOU'RE ONE OF 'EM!



YOU'RE WRONG! I NEVER GAVE THAT ORDER! BUT SINCE I'VE HEARD YOUR STORY, I'M GOING TO CHECK IT OUT.

AND YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

YEAH? WHERE?



TO ALCHEMAX!

SO YA CAN HAVE THEM MURDER ME, TOO?

NO! SO WE CAN GET AT THE TRUTH! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

DACK! SO WHAT?

SO GET IN THE CAR AND SHUT UP!



I'M ECO COMMANDER PAUL PHILIP RAVAGE--

BUT YOU CAN CALL ME SIR!

YOU KNOW MY NAME, SO WHAT'S YOURS?

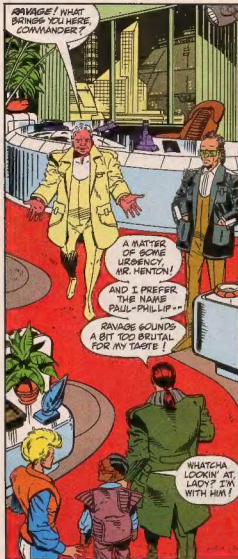


ALCHEMAX HEADQUARTERS, THE OFFICE OF ANDERTHORP HENTON, DIRECTOR GENERAL...

I CAN'T DECIDE WHICH OF THESE HOLOGRAPHIC BEAUTIES TO SELECT FOR MY VIRTUAL REALITY SESSION.

WHILE YOU'RE PONDERING, SIR, THERE ARE TWO VISITORS IN THE ANTECHAMBER.

I'LL SEE THEM NOW, SO THAT NOTHING WILL DISTURB ME LATER!



RAVAGE! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, COMMANDER?

A MATTER OF SOME URGENCY, MR. HENTON!

AND I PREFER THE NAME PAUL-PHILLIP--

RAVAGE SOUNDS A BIT TOO BRUTAL FOR MY TASTE!

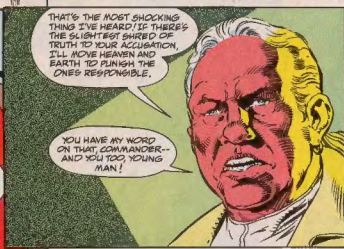
WHATCHA LOOKIN' AT, LADY? I'M WITH HIM!



THIS YOUNG MAN CLAIMS HIS FATHER WAS MURDERED BY ECO AGENTS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO NAME NAMES IN THE POLLUTION HIERARCHY!

I AIN'T CLAIMIN' NOTHIN'! PA WAS GUNNED DOWN 'CAUSE SOME CREEP IN ALCHEMAX IS PULLIN' A COVER-UP!

THE YOUNG MAN SEEMS TO BELIEVE IT, SIR.



THAT'S THE MOST SHOCKING THING I'VE HEARD! IF THERE'S THE SLIGHTEST SHRED OF TRUTH TO YOUR ACCUSATION, I'LL MOVE HEAVEN AND EARTH TO PUNISH THE ONES RESPONSIBLE.

YOU HAVE MY WORD ON THAT, COMMANDER-- AND YOU TOO, YOUNG MAN!



I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR BRINGING ME THIS INFORMATION!

I'LL CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS MY INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE!

THANK YOU, MR. HENTON. I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU. LET'S GO, DACK.

DON'T WORRY, I AIN'T GONNA STAY N' PINCH ANYTHING!



MR. HENTON, DO YOU THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOME TRUTH TO THE BOY'S STORY?

THERE'S ALWAYS THAT POSSIBILITY, BORGAN.

I'M AFRAID YOU OVERHEARD A BIT MORE THAN YOU SHOULD HAVE!

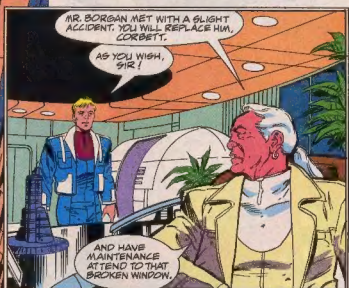


A PITY, BORGAN.
TILL NOW, I'VE
ENJOYED HAVING
YOU SERVE ME.

MR. HENTON--WHAT ARE
YOU DOING? I-I DIDN'T
MEAN--PLEASE, SIR--
PLEASE!



DON'T PLEAD,
BORGAN. IT'S
SO DEMEAN-
ING!



MR. BORGAN MET WITH A SLIGHT
ACCIDENT. YOU WILL REPLACE HIM,
CORBETT.

AS YOU WISH,
SIR!

AND HAVE MAINTENANCE
ATTEND TO THAT
BROKEN WINDOW.



OH, ONE
OTHER
THING...

ON YOUR WAY OUT, BE
GOOD ENOUGH TO HAVE
THIS INSTRUMENT
RECHARGED FOR
ME.



THANK YOU,
CORBETT.

TIANA, MY DEAR, I'D APPRECIATE
IT IF YOU'D ARRANGE A DIRECT-LINK
CONFERENCE CALL BETWEEN MYSELF
AND THE OTHER DIRECTORS OF
ALCHEMAX, INCLUDING YOUR
BOSS!

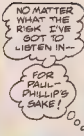
PUT IT ON A DIGITALLY-SECURE
LINE, IN THE USUAL "FOR OUR
EARS ONLY" MODE.

YES, MR. HENTON.



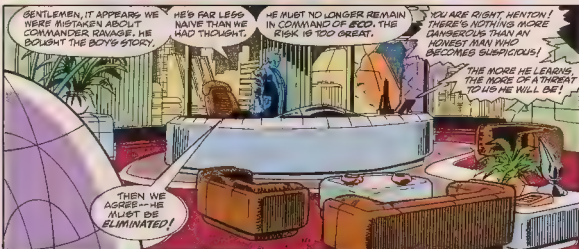
I'M SURE THE CALL MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH PAUL-PHILLIP'S VISIT!

SINCE THIS IS ECO'S MAIN COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, MINE IS THE ONLY CIRCUIT CAPABLE OF FEEDING IN TO HENTON'S LINE.



NO MATTER WHAT THE RISK I'VE GOT TO LISTEN IN--

FOR PAUL-PHILLIP'S SAKE!



GENTLEMEN, IT APPEARS WE WERE MISTAKEN ABOUT COMMANDER RAVAGE. HE BOUGHT THE BOY'S STORY.

HE'S FAR LESS NAIVE THAN WE HAD THOUGHT.

HE MUST NO LONGER REMAIN IN COMMAND OF ECO. THE RISK IS TOO GREAT.

YOU ARE RIGHT HENTON! THERE'S NOTHING MORE DANGEROUS THAN AN HONEST MAN WHO BECOMES SUSPICIOUS!

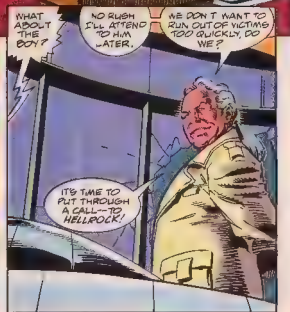
THE MORE HE LEARNS, THE MORE OF A THREAT TO US HE WILL BE!

THEN WE AGREE--HE MUST BE ELIMINATED!



BUT WE MUST ACT CAUTIOUSLY AS HEAD OF ECO. HE IS IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE

WE MUST BE CERTAIN HIS DEATH IS ABOVE SUSPICION.

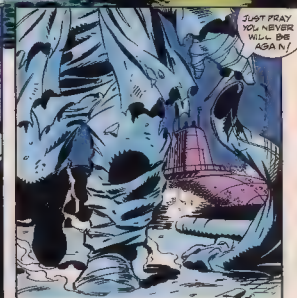
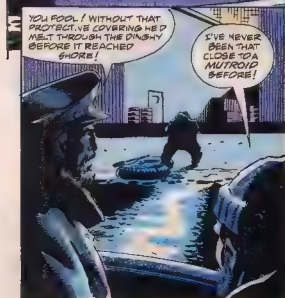
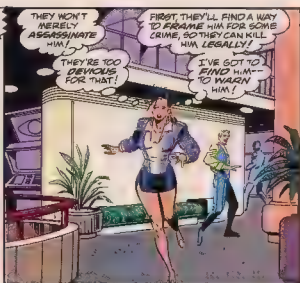
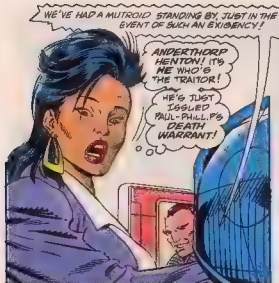


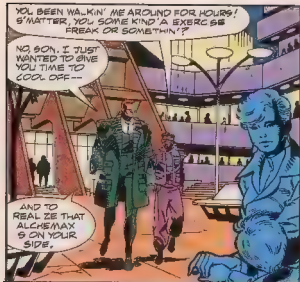
WHAT ABOUT THE BOY?

NO RUSH I'LL ATTEND TO HIM LATER.

WE DON'T WANT TO RUN OUT OF VICTIMS TOO QUICKLY, DO WE?

IT'S TIME TO PUT THROUGH A CALL--TO HELLROCK!

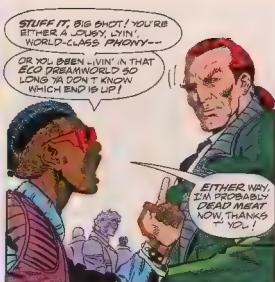




YOU BEEN WALKIN' ME AROUND FOR HOURS!
S'MATTER, YOU SOME KIND 'A EXERCISE
FREAK OR SOMETHIN'?

NO, SON, I JUST
WANTED TO GIVE
YOU TIME TO
COOL OFF---

AND TO REALIZE THAT
ALCHEMAX IS ON YOUR
SIDE.



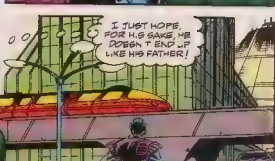
STUFF IT, BIG SHOT! YOU'RE
EITHER A JOUSY, LYIN',
WORLD-CLASS PHONY---

OR YOU BEEN LIVIN' IN THAT
ECO DREAMWORLD SO
LONG YA DON'T KNOW
WHICH END IS UP!

EITHER WAY,
I'M PROBABLY
DEAD MEAT
NOW, THANKS
TO YOU!



THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG
WITH KIDS TODAY--
THEY'VE NO TRUST--
NO RESPECT FOR
AUTHORITY!

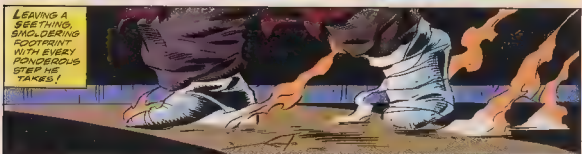


I JUST HOPE,
FOR H.S. SAKE, HE
DOESN'T END UP
LIKE HIS FATHER!



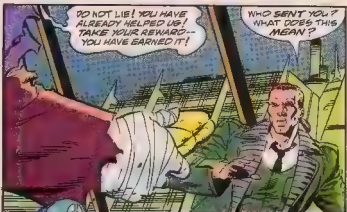
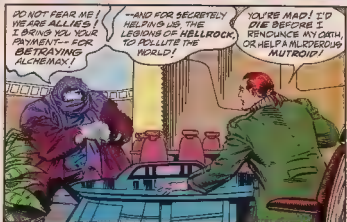
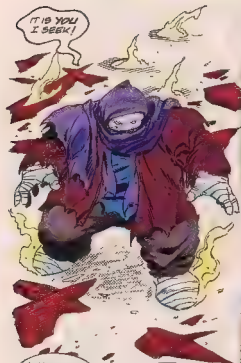
A SILENT, STRANGELY
GLOWING FIGURE
LUMBERS TOWARDS
CITY CENTER...

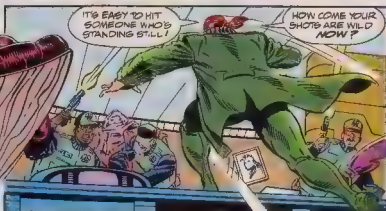
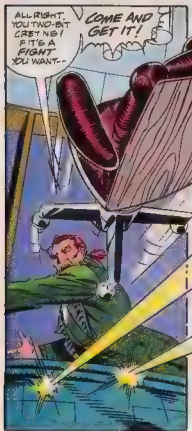
FOLLOWING DEADLY
ORDERS EMBEDDED
IN HIS GUANO-HUMAN
BRAIN...

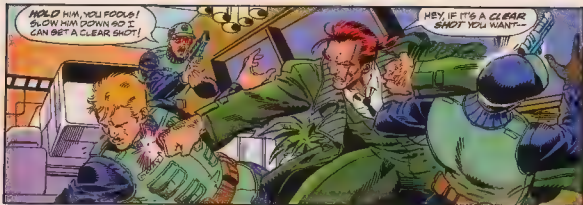


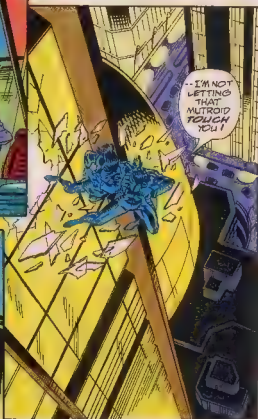
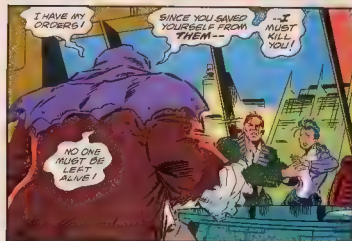
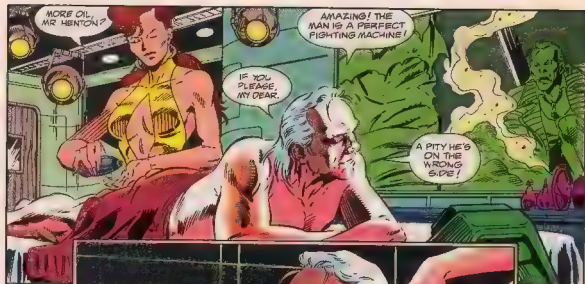
LEAVING A
SEETHING,
SMOLDERING
FOOTPRINT
WITH EVERY
PONDEROUS
STEP HE
TAKES!











THE MINUTE IS
UP! NOW TO END
IT--FOREVER!

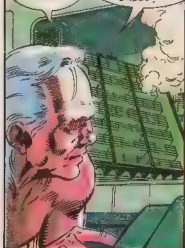


HOW UNFORTUNATE!
AN "ACCIDENTAL"
EXPLOSION IN THE
COMMANDER'S OFFICE--
KILLING THEM ALL--
INCLUDING THE MUTROD!

WELL, NO MATTER!
PAUL-PHILLIP WAS
A TRAITOR ANYWAY!

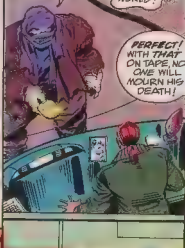
TOO BAD THE
SMOKE IS
OBSCURING
THE SIGHT OF
THEIR MANGLED
BODIES!

BUT AT LEAST I
HAVE THEIR FINAL
MOMENTS ON
TAPE--FURNISHING
ALL THE EVIDENCE
I NEED!



I BRING YOU
YOUR PAYMENT--
FOR BETRAYING
ALCHEMAX!

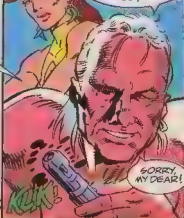
AND FOR SECRETLY
HELPING US, THE
LEGIONS OF
HELLROCK, TO
ROLLUTE THE
WORLD!



PERFECT!
WITH THAT
ON TAPE NO
ONE WILL
MOURN HIS
DEATH!

YOU'RE THE CLEVEREST
MAN I'VE EVER KNOWN!

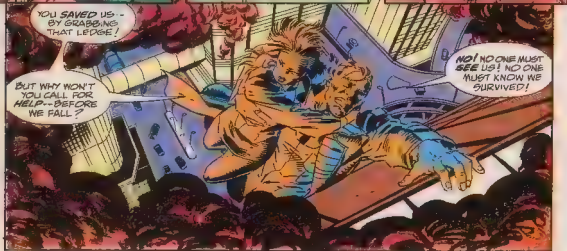
AH YES! I'M CLEVER
ENOUGH TO TRUST NO
ONE WHO MAY LATER
BETRAY ME--NO MATTER
HOW LOVELY SHE MAY
BE!



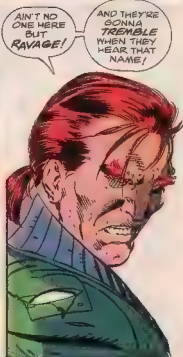
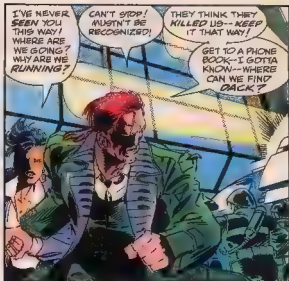
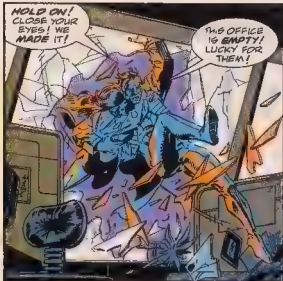
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MY DEAR!

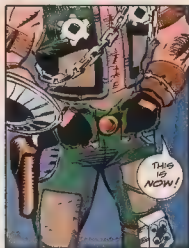
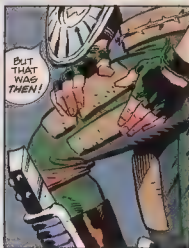
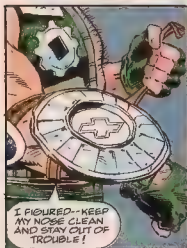
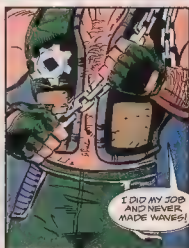
YOU SAVED US--
BY GRABBING
THAT LEDGE!

BUT WHY WON'T
YOU CALL FOR
HELP--BEFORE
WE FALL?



NO! NO ONE MUST
SEE US! NO ONE
MUST KNOW WE
SURVIVED!







I USED TO THINK
VIOLENCE WAS THE
LAST RESORT OF
A SAVAGE!

I STILL
DO!

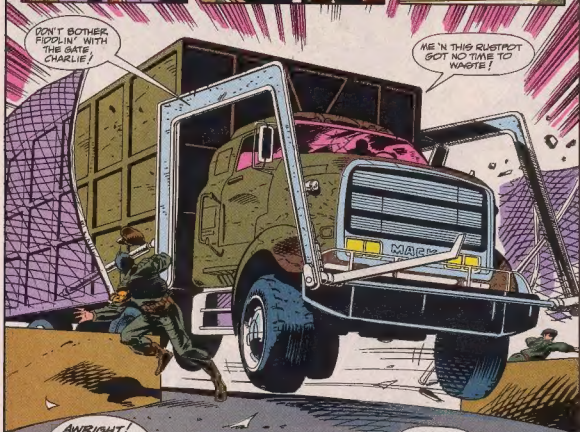
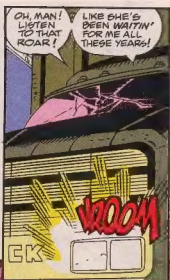
BUT WHEN
THE WORLD'S A
JUNGLE, THE
SAVAGES
TAKE OVER!

NO MORE
PLAYIN' BY
THEIR
RULES! NOW
WE PLAY BY
MINE!

THAT GARBAGE
TRUCK--MUST'VE
BEEN HERE SINCE
THE TURN OF
THE CENTURY!

IT'S OLD AND
RUSTING--BUT
LOOK AT THE
SIZE OF HER--
THE POWER!

SHE'S SOLID STEEL--
BIGGER AND STRONGER
THAN THE PLASTIC JUNK
THEY MAKE TODAY!



EPILOGUE:

HELLROCK! A CONTINENT OF EVIL, SURROUNDED BY SEA! SHROUDED IN FOG IT SITS, A PRIMORDIAL LAND OF TOXIC WASTE AND SEETHING SLIME! A FESTERING CANCER ON THE FACE OF EARTH!

ON THE HIGHEST PEAK SITS THE CASTLE OF ITS RULER. ABSOLUTE--LESS THAN DEMON, MORE THAN MAN--THE SUPER-POWERED ENTITY KNOWN AS--**DETHSTRYK!**

OF ALL HIS SERVITORS, THE SEERESS ALONE MAY SPEAK UNBIDDEN WHEN IN HIS PRESENCE...

I HAVE HAD A DISTURBING VISION, MY LORD.

A VISION OF ONE WHO DIED, ONLY TO BE REBORN!

HIS NAME IS **RAVAGE**--

AND HE IS DESTINED TO BE YOUR GREATEST FOE!

THEN HE SHALL DIE AGAIN!

FOR NONE MAY CHALLENGE **DETHSTRYK**--

NOT UNTIL I HAVE CRUSHED THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE!

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OUT OF MY HEAD

Reading the paper depresses the heck out of me. One pundit put forth the proposition that our world's major problems—disease, crime, war, poverty—simply can't be solved the way we're going about it. Why? because we've created giant bureaucracies—big science, big government, Big Brother—to deal with these problems.

Now, if they solve them, they're in trouble, because they'll only be out of work! So, it's in the best interests of the problem-solving people to make sure our problems continue!

Kind of makes Smilin' Stan's wild idea of a pollution bureaucracy in 2099 seem a little too close for comfort!

So much for collective thinking. RAVAGE is about individual action, accant on the action.

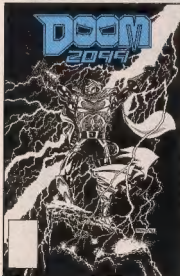
Next month, if we can convince Our Leader to say a few words, I'll shut up (yassay!) and we can hear from him on this page!

A LEADER SLAYS NORMALS...
NOT HIS OWN KIND.

YOU STILL HAVE
MUCH TO LEARN.



NEXT ISSUE: Hellrock! Its name is only whispered in civilized society! But we get our first glimpse of it...and its murderous, maniacal leader, the diabolical Deathstryk! What is his goal? What is his quest? What is his favorite color? Find out in "This Madness Unleashed!"



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